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Hey! Check our new name!

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## Winners:

- Employee of the Year: Ken Slowinski, Legal
- Supervisor of the Year: Randy Wiley, ITD
- Division of the Year: Human Resources
- Team(s) of the Year: Y2K Compliance & Basic Data
- Special Achievement Awards: Steve Sepnieski, Human Resources; Chris Harris, MSCP; Jeff Tannler, Tucson AMA

## Ken Slowinski: Employee of the Year

It proved to be an extremely popular selection when staff attorney **Ken Slowinski** was chosen Arizona Department of Water Resources "Employee of the Year."

Slowinski, 45, received the award from Director Rita Pearson March 13 at the annual ADWR Employee Recognition Day.

The Director said Slowinski deserves the honor "primarily because of the example he sets for all of us to follow.

"He has raised the bar for others in terms of his commitment to producing high quality work, his willingness to consider and develop new solutions to complex issues, and his responsiveness, courtesy and professionalism in dealing with staff at all levels," the Director said in announcing the award.

"Few, if any, staff worked harder and longer on the Third Management Plan," the Director said.

"Throughout the TMP process, (Ken) gained renewed and increased respect and admiration from his

fellow ADWR employees.

"Despite his high rank as an attorney within our agency, he is available to staff at all levels, and he takes the time to patiently and courteously respond to our questions and educate us on laws, rules and policies," she added.

Slowinski is a Nebraska native with a colorful background. While an undergraduate at Kearney State College, Kearney, NE, he worked full-time as a switchman for the Union Pacific Railroad.

Slowinski graduated *magna cum laude* from Kearney State in 1979, and earned

Dean's Honors when he graduated from the Washburn University of Topeka School of Law in Topeka, KS.

Prior to joining ADWR, Slowinski was a clerk/bailiff for Superior Court Judge Cheryl Hendrix.

He is married, with two daughters.



ADWR 1999 Employee of the Year Ken Slowinski and Director Rita Pearson at March 13 ceremony.

## 1999 ADWR Employee of the Year Nominees

**Siegfried Eichberg** — Surface Water

**Chris Harris** — Colorado River Mgt., MSCP program

**Linda Ingraham** — Tucson AMA

**Ken Lawrence** — ITD

**Mary Massaro** — Administrative Services

**Mark Preszler** — Field Services

**Adam Ruminer** — ITD

**John Schneeman** — Phoenix AMA

**Gerard Silvani** — Phoenix AMA

**Cindy Shimokusu** — Tucson AMA

**Ken Slowinski** — Staff attorney

**Jeff Tannler** — Tucson AMA

# Randy Wiley: Supervisor of the Year

Nominees for 1999  
Supervisor of the Year

- ◆ **Randy Wiley,**  
ITD
- ◆ **Herb Dishlip,**  
Statewide Water  
Planning
- ◆ **Sheila Ehlers,**  
Phoenix AMA
- ◆ **Kathy Jacobs,**  
Tucson AMA

The Supervisor of the Year at ADWR for 1999 is **Randy Wiley**, assistant director for Information Technology.

In presenting the award, ADWR Director Rita Pearson said Wiley "always encourages and participates in teamwork, employee empowerment, involvement and continuous improvements in products and services.

"He has assessed the current state of all applications, systems, and infrastructure and has taken this knowledge and developed strategies and solutions that will offer cutting edge, breakthrough services and capabilities," the Director said, adding that Wiley "has insured that the most appropriate platforms, architectures, and technology are in place to create the highest degrees of efficiency, reliability in the department's environment."

Wiley, 49, has been at ADWR since 1995. A native of Fort Worth, TX, Wiley is married with four children. He attended Regis College in Denver, as well as Texas Institute of Technology and North Texas State University.

His work and service history include stints as a tank commander with the Texas National Guard and as a computer technician with the Coors Brewery in Golden, CO.



Randy Wiley, assistant director for information technology, supervisor of the year.

## Computer Tip: Need to print file list? Use DOS

You can't print file lists in Windows. However, it can be done easily in DOS. Here's how:

- Go to **Start/Programs/MS-DOS Prompt**
- Type **DOSKEY** and hit **<enter>** This lets you re-run commands simply by using the up or down arrows.
- Go to the directory where

you want to print the contents. (**cd <directory>**) to go move up the directory tree one level, type **cd..**

- When you are at the directory you want, type **dir > filename.txt** where "filename" is a name in 8 letters or less that you give the file.
- Then you can open up the Notepad program, and find

the file and print it.

- Now, if you want to print out the contents of a whole directory tree, you use the /s switch. As in: **dir /s > filename.txt**

There is a website : <http://www.computerhope.com/msdos.htm#02> that explains all the DOS commands.

### HARPER'S INDEX

**Number of toxic spills  
reported within one  
mile of the Clintons'  
new house in  
Chappaqua, New  
York : 43**

## E-commerce is e-coming!

The agency now offers a convenient way for customers to purchase items online through our new secure E-Commerce site. E-Commerce is the buying and/or selling of goods and services online. We have created a secure online bookstore that allows customers to shop for items such as CD-ROMs, books, maps and more! Customers can pay for goods online using their VISA or MasterCard. Look for an announcement of the grand opening of our E-Commerce site coming soon!

## New Web address for ADWR



[www.water.az.gov](http://www.water.az.gov)

It's time to update your Internet bookmarks! The agency has simplified its domain name to [www.water.az.gov](http://www.water.az.gov). The old domain name ([www.adwr.state.az.us](http://www.adwr.state.az.us)) will be used until we receive our new server. For now, the change will not affect any e-mail addresses.

# Individual Special Achievement Awards

Three outstanding ADWR staffers received Special Achievement awards at the Employee Recognition Day celebration March 7.

They are **Steve Sepnieski** of Human Resources, **Chris Harris** of Colorado River Management, and **Jeff Tannler** of the Tucson AMA.

Director Rita Pearson singled out Sepnieski for developing "a completely new training program from the ground up for



Jeff Tannler

the Microsoft Office Suite.

"To say that this employee's training and development projects have exceeded all expectations is an understatement," she said.

The Department honors Harris for "his own extraordinary initiative and resolve" in moving the Multi-Species Conservation Program for the Colorado River "through a period of stagnation that

threatened to delay and possible derail the program. He took the lead," the Director said. "Timely completion of this project will certainly be due in large part to" Harris' efforts, she added.

Tannler deserved the award for the "extraordinary

job" he has done in "maintaining a high level of performance under very difficult and stressful conditions."

His "loyalty, commitment and diligence are worthy of the highest commendation," she said.

## Fill out your Census, please

The Census information that you provide through these forms is extremely important to you and to the State of Arizona. Look at how many ways Census 2000 information will be used:

- Reapportionment of seats in the U.S. House
- Drawing federal, state and local legislative districts
- Drawing school district boundaries
- Budget planning for government at all levels



Steve Sepnieski

## Before there was ADWR...

There was an employee named **Dennis Sundie**.

Dennis just celebrated his 30th Anniversary with ADWR and its predecessor, the Arizona Water Commission. Dennis works in Statewide Planning.



Dennis Sundie

## Recent Arrivals and Departures at ADWR

### ARRIVALS

**Dan Moore** comes from DHS; and will be working on Applications Development in the ITD as a Programmer. He is working on a degree in Information Systems from the University of Phoenix.

**Joe Singleton**, who worked in the Pinal AMA for two years is now working with the Phoenix AMA. Joe brings a lot of agricultural experience to the AMA and says that he's really enjoying driving the shorter distance to work.

### DEPARTURES

**Gerard Silvani** has accepted a job with Maricopa County.

**Sheila Ehlers** decided to stay home and play with new Baby Ehlers.



Joe Singleton



Dan Moore

## Lifers (at least at ADWR)



Ken Post (l) of ITD and Bill Remick (r) of Basic Data celebrated 20 years at ADWR.

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## Division of the Year: Human Resources



Winners of the ADWR Division of the Year Award: Human Resources Division. From left: Steve Sepnieski, training coordinator; Director Rita Pearson; Debbie Carter, section manager; and Lupe Rodriguez, administrative assistant. (Not pictured: Mary Chambers)

## Employee of the Year Nominees

Nominees for ADWR Employee of 1999, from left: Cindy Shimokusu; Adam Ruminer; Jeff Tannler; Mary Massaro; Director Rita Pearson; Ken Lawrence; Ken Slowinski; Gerard Silvani. Not pictured: Sig Eichberg; Chris Harris; Linda Ingraham; Mark Preszler; John Schneeman



## Gregg & the usually missing Mustang

Several months back, our own **Gregg Houtz** walked out of his East Mesa apartment to the parking lot only to find his white Mustang convertible was, well, “different.”

Among the “differences”: no hood, a missing headlight & turning lamp assembly, missing wiper blades, along with the wiper motor (only the reservoir was left).

Thanks to some insurance money and the talents of **Greg Wallace**, Gregg was back in the driver’s seat.

But not for long.

Two weeks ago, he crossed the parking lot and — this time — found an empty parking space.

Later that morning, the missing Mustang turned up — three blocks away.

Wait! It gets better!

Would you believe that while Gregg was waiting for the police to come and make a report, the car was stolen once again?

Thankfully the little car that couldn’t came to rest in a senior citizen’s front yard in Mesa after a high speed chase on Highway 60.

It appears to be in one piece having suffered only minor damage. You can see Gregg’s car in the picture below.

**What? Not again!?!**



Seen Gregg Houtz’s car lately? Call Silent Witness ...